

MONTHLY BURGLARY RECAP For the Month of December 2009



Residential Burglaries - Single Family Homes

DATE	TIME OCCURRED (DAY/NIGHT/ UNKNOWN)	AREA	METHOD FE - Forced Entry/NF - Non- Forced	LOSS
12-14 to 12-15 12-08 to 12-15 12-18 12-22	U U D D	SOUTH 1300 Blk S 7 th St 1400 Blk Beacon Way S 3400 Blk Main Av S 50 Blk Logan Av S	NF – Unsecured Doggie Door NF – Unknown NF – Unsecured Window FE – Forced Door	Camera, Video Camera, Jewelry, Cash Sports Equipment, Tools Nothing Reported Stolen (alarm) Firearms, Computer
12-04 12-08 12-11 12-11 12-17 12-24 12-25 12-29 12-31	D D D N D N D N	SOUTHEAST 300 Blk Ferndale Av SE 14200 Blk 164 th Av SE 16100 Blk 128 th Av SE 17100 Blk SE 130 th St 19600 Blk 106 th Av SE 300 Blk Lynnwood Av SE 18400 Blk 118 th Av SE 18800 Blk 104 th Pl SE 12500 Blk SE 172 nd St	NF – Unlocked Window FE – Broke Slider Handle FE – Broke Window FE – Shattered Slider NF – Unsecured Garage Win. NF – Unsecured Door NF – Unsecured Window FE – Broke Window FE – Pried Window	Jewelry, Cash TV, Game Console Nothing Reported Stolen TV, Cash Nothing Reported Stolen TV, DVD, Player, Tools Safe, Personal Documents Jewelry TV, Laptop, Jewelry
12-28	D	<u>NORTH</u> 400 Blk Wells Av N	FE – Forced Door	Laptop
12-03 12-03 12-03 to 12-04 12-08 12-11 12-11 12-16 12-16 12-19 12-18 to 12-21 12-20 12-27 12-17 to 12-29 12-29	D N U D D D N D U D U D N U D	NORTHEAST 3700 Blk NE 9 th St 4000 Blk Jones Av NE 5100 Blk NE 1 st Crt 5600 Blk NE 26 th St 4000 Blk Jones Av NE 1900 Blk NE 24 th St 1300 Blk NE 24 th St 1300 Blk Remerton Pl NE 2100 Blk NE 9 th St 800 Blk Hoquiam Ave NE 5300 Blk NE 1 st St 4600 Blk NE 1 st St 800 Blk Lynnwood Av NE 5000 Blk NE 2 nd Crt 5200 Blk NE 24 th St	NF – Unsecured Doggie Door NF – Open Yard NF – Unsecured Garage Door NF – Open Garage Door FE – Broke Window FE – Forced Door NF – Used Garage Dr Opener FE – (Attmpt) Force Window NF – Unlocked Door NF – Open Garage Door FE – Forced Door FE – Shattered Slider NF – Open Garage Door NF – Open Garage	Jewelry, Laptop Construction Materials from Backyard Tools, Bike, Sports Equipment Bikes, Luggage, CDs TV, Laptop Cash, Jewelry Garage Door Opener (taken f/veh parked outside) No Entry Gained Interrupted Lawn Equipment Cash Nothing Reported Stolen Sports Equipment, Tools Sports Equipment



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01-05 01-07 01-26	D D D	<u>SOUTH</u> 1200 Blk S 36 th Pl 1200 Blk S 35 th St 700 Blk S 19 th St	FE – Broke Window NF – Unlocked Window FE – (Att) Force Window	Nothing Reported Stolen Jewelry, Laptop, TV, Camera, Cash Interrupted
01-19 01-19 01-22 01-24 01-22	N D D N N	<u>SOUTHEAST</u> 13900 Blk SE 155 th Pl 2000 Blk SE 8 th Dr 11500 Blk Petrovitsky Rd 1800 Blk SE 18 th Pl 12600 Blk SE 161 st St	NF – Unsecured Garage Door NF – Unlocked Door FE – Pried Door NF - Used Garage Dr Opener NF – Open Garage	Interrupt Cash Laptop, Router, DVDs, Jewelry Tools, Sports Equipment Bike
01-13	D	<u>SOUTHWEST</u> 600 Blk SW 3 rd Pl	FE – Broke Window	Nothing Reported Stolen (alarm)
01-03 12-14 to 01-04 01-06 01-08 01-08 01-05 to 01-06 01-05 to 01-06 01-19	D U N D D N N	NORTHEAST 2800 Blk NE 12 th St 3800 Blk NE 7 th St 2300 Blk Blaine Av NE 11800 Blk SE 164 th St 1600 Blk Aberdeen Av NE 1900 Blk Bremerton Av NE 1000 Blk Lynnwood Av NE 5500 Blk NE 10 th St	FE – Broke Window NF – Unknown NF – Used Garage Dr Opener FE – Shattered Slider NF – Unsecured Window NF – Open Garage FE – (Att) Win Scrns Dmgd NF – House Key Used	Jewelry TV Drill Interrupted Game Console, Game Accessories GPS Unit, iPod (from unlocked vehicle inside) No Entry Gained Game Consoles, DVDs, Laptops, Jewelry, Camera

"If you make it profitable — they will come."

December 2009 / January 2010

There were **28** residential burglaries during the month of December, with 0 occurring at an active Block Watch residence. **And** – there were **17** residential burglaries during the month of January, with 0 occurring at an active Block Watch residence



Believe it or not, spring is quickly approaching. (Hooray!) And with the arrival of warmer weather comes an increase of users on area nature trails.

The City of Renton's nature trails are a wonderful exercise option and we are fortunate to live, work, and play in a city where the importance of maintaining these trails remains a priority. Those who utilize the trails need to keep in mind that walking <u>anywhere</u> (especially during the hours of darkness) comes with its own set of risks. This is not unique to our city's trail system.

When you are out and about, keeping your personal safety in mind is going to be your best defense. Police calls-for-service on the trails are low, but that doesn't mean there won't be occurrences of suspicious behaviors or criminal activity. We have a very effective police department, but it is not possible for officers to be everywhere at once. Individuals need to make responsible decisions when it comes to protecting themselves, and if and when they do see suspicious or criminal activity, calling 9-1-1 would be the appropriate step to take. I understand the resistance of some to change their schedules or routine when it comes to walking the trails, but that is a decision we each have to make for ourselves. We are each responsible for our own safety.

I enjoy walking as a form of exercise, but I choose not to do it when it's dark. When daylight savings time arrives and I don't have as much daylight time, I choose other forms of exercise, or I adjust my schedule and go when it's light out. If I'm by myself, I carry a cell phone and pepper spray.

You can't predict what environment you might be exposed to when you're out, so it's always important to be prepared. Make wise choices that lower your risk of making it convenient for somebody to target you for a crime.

What Does Risk Look Like to You?

We all have to individually decide what "risk looks like to us."

For example:

- 1. Is leaving a garage door opener in a vehicle that is parked outside your house worth the risk of a car prowler breaking into it, taking it, and then accessing the inside of your garage?
- 2. Is having an unsecured doggie door worth the risk of possibly having a burglar utilize this location as entry into your home while you're gone?
- 3. Is leaving a "hidden" key outside your home worth the risk of a burglar possibly discovering it and using it to burglarize your own residence?
- 4. Is leaving the red emergency pull rope attached to your automatic garage door opener, worth the risk of a burglar prying down the top panel of your garage door, and using this rope to unlock your garage for <u>their</u> benefit?

Of course, I hope all the answers to these questions is no. But each of the above "hypothetical" situations continue to occur to citizens in Renton.

It's important to remember that it's never going to be about convenience for us when it comes to deterring criminal activity against ourselves, our family, or our personal property. The goal is to make it as *uncomfortable* as possible for a crook to target you for a crime, and to make it *inconvenient* for them to even consider it. The risk for them needs to outweigh the profit. And that is something we all have control over.